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**LDS Interfaith
Partnership Gives
Empowerment
and Hope to
Valley Refugees
and Immigrants**

Build Someone Up

By Merry Gordon
The Arizona Beehive

“Why?”

It's a warm day in May and Jumaah Abdel-ghani, a Syrian refugee learning English with the help of volunteers at the Islamic Community Center of Tempe, is frowning as he reads a group of words in a list.

“Why,” repeats ASU student and volunteer Mia Spare. “Why . . .” She waits for the moment of understanding when the man connects the word with the idea behind it.

That moment comes. Jumaah's face instantly brightens as he mock frowns and points a finger at Mia. “Why! Why you no come last week?” he asks.

“I had finals!” Mia laughs, as delighted with his pretended attack as she is with his correct application of the word.

Scenes like these are common. The Islamic Community Center of Tempe is the site of a fruitful partnership between volunteers from the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and volunteers from US UNITED, an ASU student-run charity dedicated to helping local refugees. Here, and at other locations in the Valley, volunteers help immigrants and refugees adapt to life in the United States.

Programs established at the Mesa Welcome Center are part of a Church initiative to aid refugees and immigrants across all cultures and faiths. Tutoring in reading and writing, cultural literacy classes and legal help are among the services provided at these centers. Services are offered free without regard to religion, nationality or race and focus on getting families to learn with one another. At the Mesa Welcome Center, adult immigrants attend reading classes while their children choose from music lessons—



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The Abdel-ghanis (center), Syrian refugees and English language learners, are surrounded by the love and support of US UNITED as they transition into a new life in America.

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ukulele is a perennial favorite—arts and crafts, American Sign Language, and games. The Islamic Community Center saw the program working in Mesa. They wanted to partner with the Church by offering reading tutoring and classes for children, but at the Islamic Community Center of Tempe Mosque, located adjacent to the ASU Tempe Campus. Several of the new volunteers at the Tempe location are fellow Muslims who work with US UNITED—many

of them multilingual—and today they work side by side with LDS volunteers.

The importance of personal connections and family learning

Jumaah is working today at the Islamic Community Center with his wife, Shazah Shenea Abdel-ghani.

“She’s ahead of her husband, so we’re trying to catch him up,” says volunteer Samantha Brozak.

“I’m here three years already,” she says proudly. “Here” is the United States. Her pride is indicative of the hundreds of immigrants and refugees participating in these programs—people excited to be part of the great American story.

Today, Jumaah is struggling with differentiating the words through and throw. His wife corrects him gently

LDS Church-Service Missionaries Norma Chavez (far left) and Susan Whetten-Udall (far right) have partnered with US UNITED volunteers to provide a tutoring program for adults and students in Tempe.

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and then teaches Brozak the words for “good job” in her own language. A

sense of mutual respect and camaraderie pervades the study session, and it is evident that the tutors and the Abdel-ghanis are at ease with one another.

Interfaith volunteers working with refugees and immigrants focus on making these personal connections.

In another corner of the room a new volunteer, an ASU student studying

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WHAT'S THE BUZZ?

"Success isn't the absence of failure, but going from failure to failure without any loss of enthusiasm!"

This thought has been attributed to Abraham Lincoln, Winston Churchill, and others who've shared a common lot in life: Each experienced lots of failure! And each emerged with what is surely considered cumulative success in their hard-fought endeavors.

The August-September 2018 issue of The Arizona Beehive is the sixth that I have published since acquiring the publication from The Taylor Family. We print six issues a year, so this issue represents one year of successful ownership and hard-fought endeavor.

Time has flown by and our team has learned a lot. We are engaging in our community, attending events, interacting on social media, and featuring our stories and advertisers on "the Gram." We offer a digital version on the Issuu app, that can be flipped page-by-page like a paper edition. And at the same time, we have expanded our distribution locations and number of issues printed because in this digital world, there is something satisfying and "retro" about holding a copy and reading from big pages of print and color.

The purpose of this magazine (yes, I called it a magazine!) remains to support and serve our local Latter-day Saints, with love. I love a career that allows me to focus on all things Latter-day Saint, and to be a working part of a growing, dynamic, thriving community that seeks to enrich our world in a Christ-like manner.

Not that learning experiences have not been made along the way!

In his April 2018 General Conference talk "Until Seventy Times Seven," Elder Lynn G. Robbins spoke about success and failure. There have been times this past year where I have felt opposition that seemed "insurmountable and almost impossible to bear," but as Elder Robbins explains, to such opposition, "He doesn't leave us without hope. To keep our hope resilient as we face life's trials, the Savior's grace is ever ready and ever present."



I pray daily for heavenly guidance and blessings as our team works to create each issue. And to shine a light on our publication as we enthusiastically highlight the excitement surrounding and within our community. Thank you for being a part of The Arizona Beehive!

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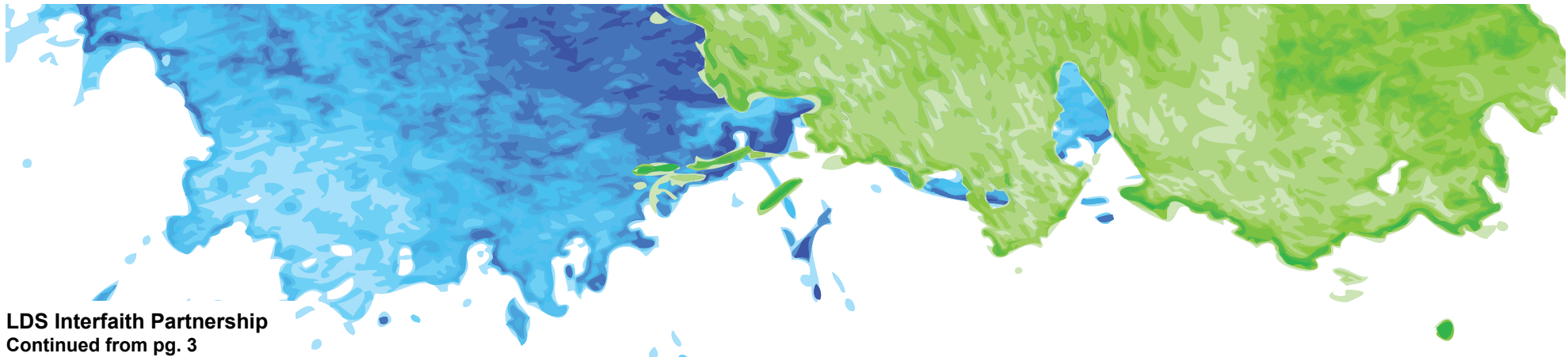
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molecular biology, is getting caught up in his training by LDS Church-Service Missionary Susan Whetten Udall.

“I like it. I like it a lot. I guess the takeaway message is that it’s okay to be different,” he says after she shares her philosophy of volunteering. The message about finding similarities resonates with him.

“Find a bridge of commonality that makes you comfortable with people,” Sister Udall says. “It’s important to respect each other’s differences. The power of example is so huge. Whatever you say doesn’t matter as much as what you do.”

“They’re writing after the first time they come.”

Another participant, Conde Kerfala is an immigrant from Guinea. His native tongue is French, and he had only been in the United States 3 days before he came to be tested, speaking not a word of English.

“He’s writing sentences now,” says Sister Norma Chavez, a Church-Service Missionary and Volunteer Coordinator, clearly proud of their program. “They’re writing after the first time they come.”

The basic reading manual for English language learners enables them to have a functional command

of the English language after twelve weeks, she says. Reading and writing follows the very first lesson, as does a spelling test. The program teaches English literacy by using a phonetic based reading program that includes articulating, spelling, writing and comprehending English words. Tutors use sounds, but also objects, gestures and pictures to help with understanding.

“And once they master sight words, they can write,” adds Sister Chavez.

Tutors Hanna Maroofi and Kiram Tung, both ASU students, are working with Conde today.

“-Sh is shhhhh,” Kiram says, putting a finger to her lips. Conde nods and starts flipping through his flashcards again as he concentrates on differentiating phonetic sounds.

“There’s shim and sim,” Kiram says, stopping on one card. “They’re different sounds.” He directs his attention to her lips as she forms the words again.

Conde, with some effort, differentiates the two sounds and breaks into a wide grin.

Hanna affirms and Kiram claps. “Oui. Good, good!”

Tutors use a variety of methods to help their students, tailoring their pedagogy to the needs of each learner. Some pantomime. Eye contact is important. Ultimately, though, the lessons these immigrants and refugees center on two things: empowerment, and hope.



Conde Kerfala (left), a Guinean immigrant, learns English with the help of tutors Hanna Maroofi and Kiram Tung.

Photo by Robin Finlinson

“Build someone up.”

A training session slide encourages volunteers to “build someone up, put their insecurities to sleep, remind them they’re worthy, tell them they are magical,” among other things. Ultimately, their job is to “be a light in a too-often dim world.”

And that light shines brightly. The respect, admiration and love the volunteers and students have for one another is palpable.

Jumaah, in near-perfect English, teases me as I observe the learning taking place here. “Want picture of me? 10 dollars.” He looks at his wife with obvious affection. “You want picture of my wife?” he asks, smiling. “20 dollars!” he demands. Everyone laughs.

Jumaah’s mood sums up the overwhelming success of the program. In an era of fraught political and cultural tensions, there is nothing but optimism and hope for the volunteers and tutors who work across social, cultural, and religious lines to serve one another.

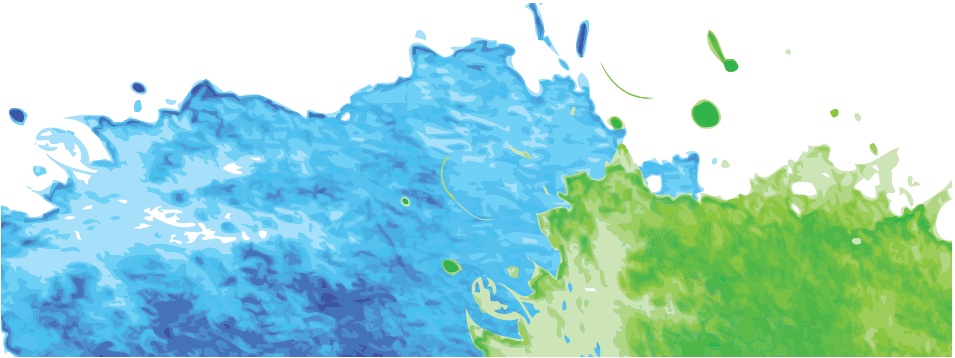


Shazah Shenea Abdel-ghani (center) works with Samantha Brozak and Mia Spare on her English.

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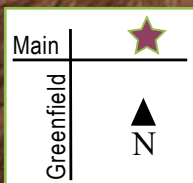


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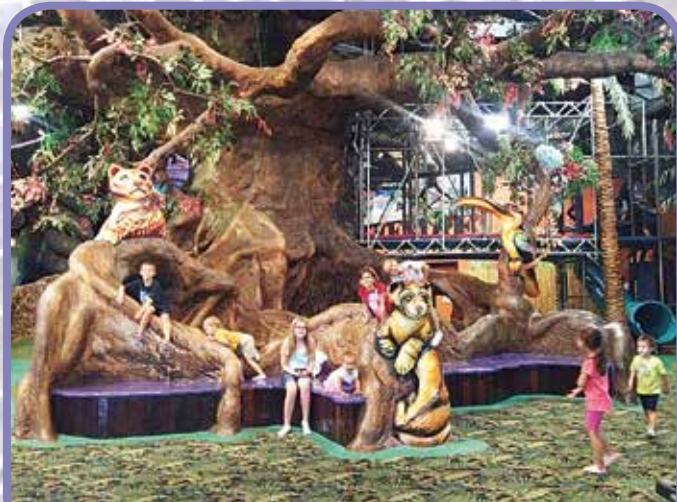
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LIFE WITH GINGER

The Social Media Star Talks Instagram, Hats, & What She Keeps In Her Wallet

By Anne Healey
The Arizona Beehive

Ginger Parrish, the prominent Utah-based blogger, Instagram influencer, and owner of Gigi Pip hats, has a remarkable knack for drawing people in with her instant warmth and candor. Over 213,000 devoted Instagram followers and heavy-hitting sponsors like Target, McDonald's and Home Depot would all agree: this woman is pure sunshine.

The 29-year-old never could have imagined the effect she'd have when she started her blog, The Parrish Place, in 2011. She simply wanted to share daily pictures of her newborn son with family. Taking pictures and finding her aesthetic quickly became a passion.

"I started to get more and more questions about how I edited, so in 2013, I decided to launch a guide, an

e-book, that taught people how to edit their pictures, and that kind of went crazy," she says.

Over the years, the blog has blossomed into a colorful, upbeat mixture of travel, humor, fashion, photography, kid stuff, and family outings with her husband, Jon, and their three boys.

Parrish credits her ever-growing following to the open-armed approach she takes in life: "I love, love, love the community we've created on Instagram. I think it's a really, positive space and it's a really big goal of mine to keep it that way. I try really hard to include everybody, no matter what their faith is."

You might think a much larger audience would come with a much greater temptation to chase "likes" and approval from others. However, Parrish clings to a personal touchstone that keeps her



Photo by Anne Healey

The Parrish family plays in the sitting area of Gigi Pip. From left to right: Riggins, Jack, Jon, Ginger, and Jonah.

grounded and at peace.

"I have a list in my wallet with six names on it of people who I care what they think . . . if I took to heart every, single, thing someone said—good or bad—or if my whole self-esteem was built off of these positive affirmations I'm getting from strangers, I feel like I wouldn't have a lot of substance. I feel like I could be broken down real eas-

ily," Parrish says.

Daily scripture study and meditation are a priority for her as well. "Before I move—before I even get out of bed, I just do it . . . I don't think God knows what Instagram is," she laughs, "but he knows it's hard to keep it all balanced in life, and I

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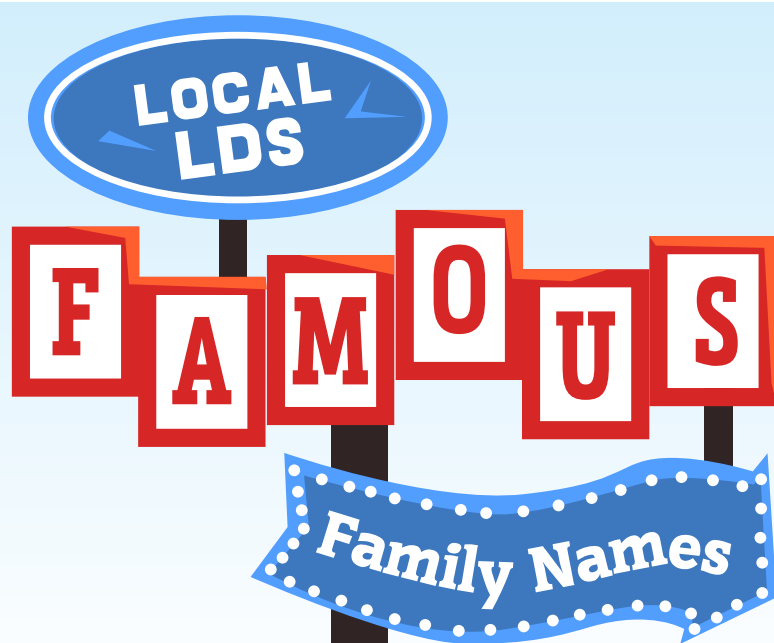


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We often casually pass by a geographic location without considering the history of the family for which the location was named, or why the family name was used. The inquiring minds of Arizona Beehive readers want to know!

In each issue we now present the history of one "famous" Mormon family name. We hope you enjoy learning about these families, and encourage you to reach out to The Arizona Beehive with ideas for families to feature in the series.

By Cecily Markland Condie
The Arizona Beehive

The Robson Family

One of Mesa's four "founding fathers," Charles Innes Robson, was born February 20, 1837, in England. He joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints when he was 14. Three years later, without any family members accompanying him, Charles traveled to America with other English converts.

In Utah, he was foreman of a huge papermill in Salt Lake City's Sugar House district—the first west of the Mississippi.

In his early 20s, Charles married Sarah Ann Curtis ("Sally Ann"), a widow with two young sons. They had two more children, Charles Innes II and Mary Elizabeth.

Because he honored his priesthood and was financially able, he received permission to enter into plural marriage, taking as his second wife Francelle Eugenia Pomeroy.

Together, they had four children—Isabelle, Francis, Irene and Lucretia.

For many years, Robson was the Utah Territorial Penitentiary warden. In 1870, a riot broke out, a gun snatched from a guard's hands discharged, and a bullet entered Charles' lung. He was never strong after being shot and suffered with heart trouble aggravated by this injury.

Yet he let nothing interfere with his faithful execution of church and family responsibilities. Robson served

as a ward clerk, bishopric counselor and bishop in Sugar House Ward, and then he readily accepted the call to help settle Arizona's Salt River Valley. He took his oldest son and Francelle and their four children with him. Francelle's father, another of the Mesa founders, Francis Martin Pomeroy, was also in this company.

Having started in Paris, Idaho, September 14, 1877, the company made camp above Camp Verde in late December. The leaders—Pomeroy, Robson, Charles Crismon and George Sirrine—went ahead to find a place to settle near Mesa.



Photo courtesy of Loretta Robson Pace

Charles Innes Robson.



Photo courtesy of Loretta Robson Pace

Charles Innes Robson, one of the four "founding fathers" of Mesa, is memorialized with Francis Martin Pomeroy, Charles Crismon, and George Sirrine in Mesa Pioneer Park.

Robson homesteaded near today's Robson and 2nd Avenue. Their home was one of the finest in Mesa, one of the first to have a sink and bathtub and to have water piped in.

He became president of Mesa's first co-op store, was Mesa's first recorder and introduced a meat market in town.

On December 10, 1882, Robson was called as a counselor in the new Maricopa Stake presidency. Four years later, he was called as Stake President and served eight years.

His oldest son, Charles Innes Robson II, was stricken with typhoid fever and passed away in 1880, at 17 years old.

Robson was kicked by a horse in 1894 and his jaw was fractured in two places. Unable to take in sufficient nourishment, Robson died February 24, 1894, at age 57.

Two years later, his remaining son, Francis Pomeroy Robson ("Frank"), was ambushed and slain while hunting outlaws. Frank had married Florence

Amelia Babbitt and their son, Charles Innes Robson III, was two when Frank died.

Robson's wives both died within a few years of him and both were laid to rest in Mesa.

Today, dozens of descendants of Charles Innes Robson—including Robsons, Barneys, Waltons, Neagles, Deckers and Hatches—live in the area. A working cattle and horse ranch for generations, the old Robson ranch now houses Rockin' R Ranch, Arizona's Wild West Town, where Charles Innes Robson's great-great-grandson, "Big Jim" Robson and his wife, "Sweet Mary," along with the Rockin' R Wranglers, continue to entertain audiences while teaching them about the history of the Old West and the founding of Mesa.

"We have a great history and closeness as a family," says Loretta Robson Pace, great-great-granddaughter. "We have been taught to stay together, to be loyal to each other."



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Charles Innes Robson's great-great-grandson "Big Jim" Robson and his wife "Sweet Mary" Robson with the Wranglers at Mesa's Rockin' R Ranch.



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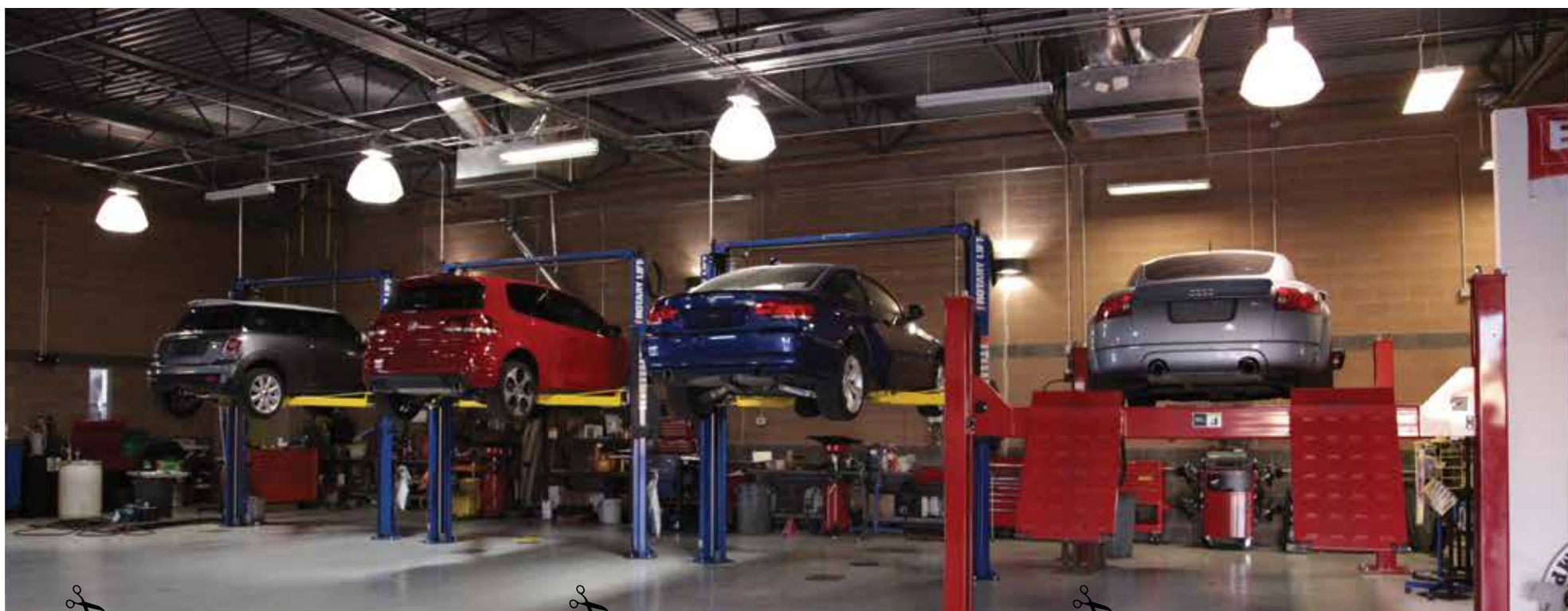
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Honeyville, Inc. Merges Retail With Wholesale To Bring Good Food To Consumers

By Merry Gordon
The Arizona Beehive

For nearly seventy years, Honeyville Grains has been a leader in food ingredient manufacturing—everything from freeze-dried food storage to a staggering variety of flours to product formulation and custom grain milling are on offer for wholesale and business needs.

While the food industry has changed a lot in the past half century, Honeyville's approach has not.

In 1941, founder Lowell Sherratt Sr. was a citrus farmer, tasked (according to family lore) by then-California Attorney General Earl Warren with sponsoring some Japanese Americans leaving California in the wake of anti-Japanese hysteria spreading across the U.S. following Pearl Harbor. Sherratt immediately sold his home, packed up his family, and led a convoy of Japanese American families to an isolated Utah ranch, where they took up farm-

ing. Feelings were bitter, and at first, business happened only under cover of darkness, but Sherratt continued to do what he knew was right.

After years of farming, Sherratt bought a Parowan, Utah, mill in the mid-1950s to crack grain for a Southern California feed company, and moved his operation to Honeyville, Utah—and Honeyville Grains was born.

In the years to come, Honeyville, Inc., has expanded, added technology, added warehouses and distribution facilities—but the company is still owned and operated by the family, and still focuses on people as the cornerstone of its business ethic.

"[W]ith more than 50 years of experience behind us," Honeyville says on its website, "we recognize more clearly than ever that our continued success must be built upon relationships of trust with our valued customers."



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A sampling of Honeyville's wide variety of food products.

Honeyville has recently moved with its wholesale operation. Customers who were only familiar with it as a retail operation may not know about its involvement in food manufacturing.

"Most people that know our food storage or gluten-free products are unaware that Honeyville is a major food manufacturer that provides production and packaging services to all of the 20 largest food retailers in the United States, as well as many major name-brand food companies," says Doug Stoker, Division Manager.

That the retail and wholesale operations have merged will be no deterrent to customers wanting to use Honeyville to fill their food storage needs.

"Although the retail operation has merged with wholesale," Stoker says, "we still carry a wide variety of freeze dried fruits, vegetables and meats that are a great way to begin your food

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Honeyville stocks over 500 items perfect for long-term storage and emergency preparedness, including meats, dairy, grains, vegetables and fruits. They offer bulk pricing as part of their wholesale operation to retail and home consumers.

Whether retail or wholesale, Stoker assures customers that Honeyville will always take great pride in helping industries and individuals "bring their food dreams to life."

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know He'll help us."

If running a highly successful blog wasn't impressive enough, Parrish has also built up an online shop (and a recently opened brick-and-mortar store) called Gigi Pip. The brand features her favorite thing on the planet: hats. But they're more than just a fashion accessory to her.

"It's about finding your confidence. So many women say, 'Oh I can't do that. I can't wear that—I don't look good in hats.' We all have these different hats that we're scared of until we just do it. I really want people to see that they bring something to this world. There's so many things to be celebrated—so many different traits and personalities . . . No matter what hat you wear, you can come to our space, and be loved exactly how you are."

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District 5 Councilmember David Luna is Running for Re-Election

We were excited to have a chance to sit down with District 5 Councilmember David Luna, who is running for re-election to the Mesa City Council. He is looking for your support and vote either by early ballot or by the Primary Election held August 28, 2018.

As a District 5 Councilmember, David Luna has been a proponent for strong public schools, important public safety initiatives and the building of vibrant neighborhoods. David is familiar with the education arena from more than 30 years working in Mesa Public Schools, as well as teaching as an adjunct professor for ASU and Mesa Community College.

As a Councilmember, David works with partners such as the Mesa and Arizona Chambers of Commerce, the Greater Phoenix Economic Council (GPEC), the Arizona Commerce Authority, and most importantly, his District 5 residents.

He was recognized for his efforts by his fellow council members when he was appointed as Vice Mayor last year.

We had some questions for Councilmember Luna as to what he hopes to accomplish should he receive another term.

Q: David, what do you believe you bring to this race that will help District 5?

As a Mesa resident, I have seen the growth of our community and felt the growing pains. As a council member, I want to ensure that we continue working on that community spirit, building neighborhoods, not just houses, so that everyone who lives in Mesa feels like they belong. Today, we have such great neighborhoods,

each with their own characteristics – such as the desert uplands, Las Sendas, Red Mountain Ranch, the Citrus Groves and Alta Mesa. I want to maintain the personality of the areas while also providing support for their day-to-day needs. Simple needs, such as the Dark Sky ordinance, which was created to help residents who prefer living in low-lit areas. And more layered needs, like building our fire, police and medical services.

I would suggest growing those core services so that they are readily available. Having shorter response times in District 5 is a campaign mission I speak about regularly with residents. They want to feel safe and I want to help them feel safe.

Q: How will you make your residents feel safe?

My history as a council member shows that, while I am fiscally responsible, I also know there are needs in our growing community. I will continue to balance and respect property rights through sensible developments so we can improve the lives of all District 5 residents – not just our new neighbors, but the families who have established their homes with us for decades.

I also believe in increased business opportunities through the strategic plan initiated by the Falcon Field Economic Commission. I want to ensure that the Falcon District remains an innovative, High-Tec hub for aviation/ aerospace & defense, advanced manufacturing, and business services.



Q: Are there other campaign missions where you believe you can make a difference?

Everyone knows my history in education with Mesa Public Schools, ASU and Mesa Community College so they know I am passionate about learning at all levels. However, I also believe that the Mesa K-Ready initiative should be a true focus because it prepares pre-school age children for their future education opportunities in our community. Mesa K-Ready strengthens our children before they enter kindergarten to help them be ready to learn and have the opportunity to excel academically.

I will also continue to make sure that District 5 is considered in all City Council discussions related to streets, parks, bonds, public safety, and residential development. I take my role as a speaker for the entire community seriously and with great respect.

Q: Is there anything else you would say to your constituents before the election in August?

I am here for you – in person, by phone or by email. I maintain mobile office hours at the Red Mountain Public Library and listening sessions specifically for constituent services at my Luna Landing community gatherings. In addition, you can always reach me by phone at (480) 935-8765.

I am here for the District 5 community today and I hope to be here in January 2019 for another four years of work toward a stronger, more vibrant Mesa. ■

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It is my pleasure to endorse David Luna for another term on the Mesa City Council. Please join me in support of David Luna as council member for District 5.

— Beth Farnsworth Coons

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David has provided critical leadership on our council. I am proud to have him as my Vice Mayor and to endorse him for another term.

— Mayor John Giles

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I have known and worked with David Luna for many years. Mesa will be the winner by re-electing David for another four years.

— Dave Udall

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David is well grounded, active in our community and has the best interests of Mesa at heart. We need Vice Mayor David Luna and are fortunate he is running again.

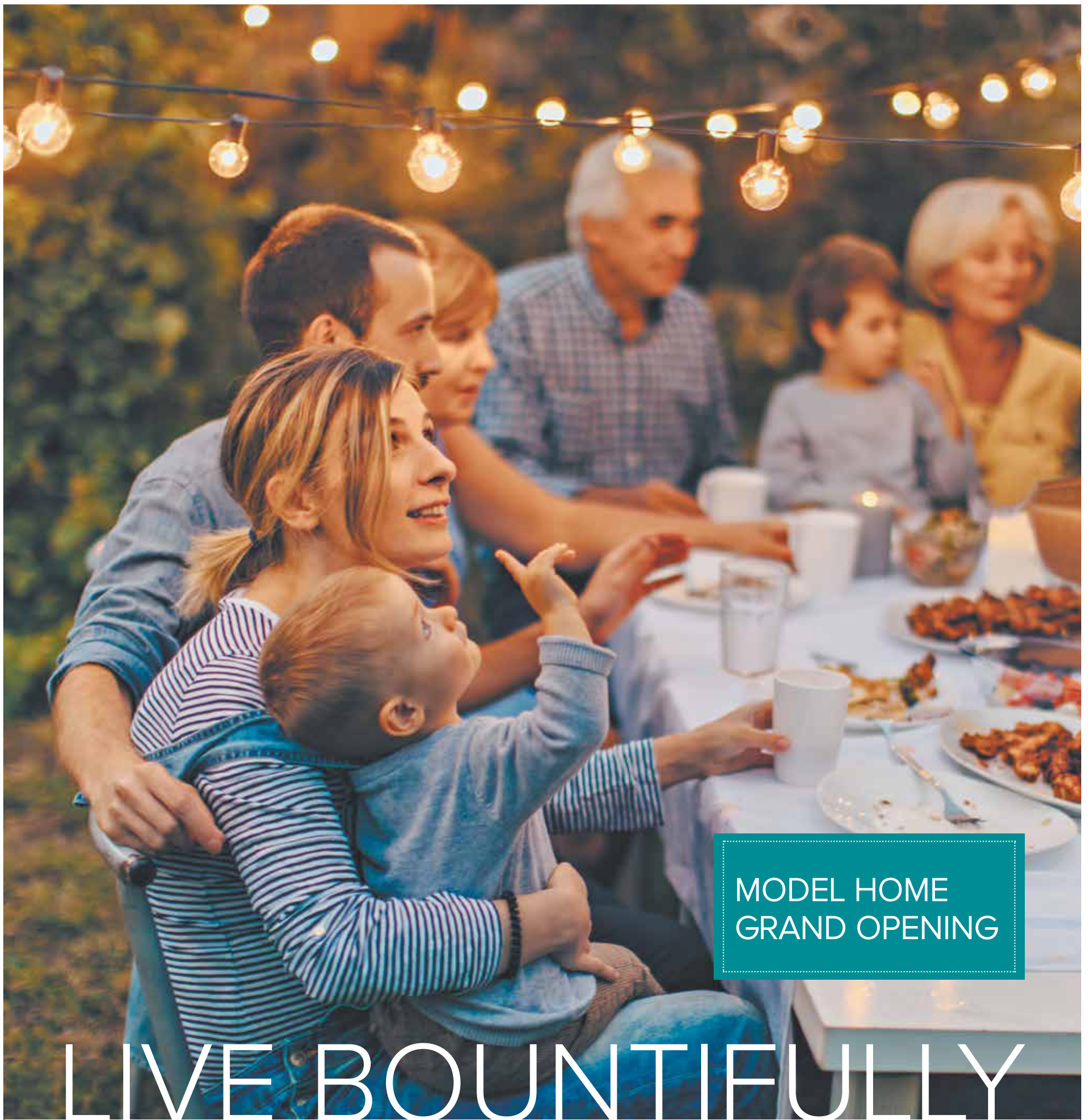
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I'm pleased to endorse David Luna because of his strong family values, leadership skills, his support of business and economic development, and long standing support of education. David is dedicated to strengthening our community.

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Yin & Yang

Brandt And Duke Photography Open New Lakeside Studio In Tempe

By Merry Gordon
The Arizona Beehive

Peanut butter and jelly. Yin and yang. Some things are good alone—but better together. When Darrell Duke of Duke Photography saw an opportunity to combine forces with Brandt Seegmiller of Brandt Photography he jumped. The result: Brandt and Duke Photography.

“When Brandt contacted me about a year and a half ago that he wanted to sell his Mesa Studio, I was not interested in having a third studio in the Valley,” says Darrell Duke. “At the same time, I recognized that he had provided the East Valley with an incredible service for many years that was likely to not be available to them if he retired.”

So Darrell Duke made the deal—but only if Brandt agreed to train Duke’s photographers in Brandt’s skill set.

“He has mastered the skill of being able to photograph incredibly large family groups either on location or at the studio,” Darrell says.

The dynamic duo has since moved their Mesa studio location to a new lakeside Tempe spot, only 10 minutes

from their old Mesa shop. With studio space doubled and beautiful grounds that include water features, business is booming.

“The lake and the stream that runs between the lake areas are really fun to incorporate with the portraits we create,” Darrell notes.

New backdrops and space aside, the Tempe location is just a continuation of the combined Duke and Brandt tradition. The studio, which won a 2018 Expertise Award for Best Portrait Photographers in Phoenix, does more than just snap photos—they preserve memories.

“Sometimes you don’t miss something until it is gone,” Darrell says. For him, photography creates “a legacy to the family for generations to come, a legacy piece of artwork for their home that becomes more nostalgic as the years go by.”

The owners’ faith infuses their business model. “It permeates and guides everything we do on a daily basis,” Darrell says. “We believe that families

can be families even after we pass on. This gives us a unique perspective on what we do and how we do it.”

The studio is known for providing the missionary photos as part of the Arizona Beehive, a service of love for them.

“It is really refreshing to share in the excitement about their mission call and the adventure they are going on,” Darrell says of taking the missionaries’ photos. “We continue to offer a missionary portrait session, which includes a free print for the ward plaque. This was a tradition started by Brandt, in conjunction with The Arizona Beehive.”

But Brandt and Duke offer more than just missionary portraits. Valley portrait artists since the 1950s, they capture weddings, senior portraits,

children, families, league sports, newborns and mothers-to-be. They create multi-image collages, and all portraits come with a money-back guarantee.

“It is a privilege to be a part of creating beautiful images that become a part of family history,” says Darrell. “I love being able to do that.”

Visit Brandt and Duke Photography at their new location, 5450 S. Lakeshore Drive in Tempe, or call 480-838-3660 to set up a session.



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Brandt Seegmiller (L) and Darrell Duke (R).



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Successful preparation should provide a new missionary with a reinforced testimony, a heart to love and serve others, and freedom from dangerous influences of the world. On June 3, 2018, President Russell M. Nelson turned his focus on the youth and provided a powerful call to arms to help them achieve just these goals. His counsel to be proactive with spiritual commitment is an action plan for all prospective missionaries.

Focused missionaries set effective, specific, and measurable goals that serve the larger goals of the mission and the needs of their area. Setting and accomplishing goals before the mission build confidence and experience with the process. President Nelson provided five directives for youth, including preparing missionaries, that demonstrate the types of goals missionaries make, achieve, and extend

to investigators and members during their service:

1. "Disengage from a constant reliance on social media by holding a seven-day fast from social media."
2. "Make a weekly sacrifice of time to the Lord, for three weeks in a row."
3. "Do a thorough life assessment with the Lord, and perhaps with your parents and your bishop, to ensure that your feet are firmly planted on the covenant path."
4. "Pray daily that all of God's children might receive the blessings of the gospel of Jesus Christ."
5. "Stand out. Be different. Be a light. Give to a friend one copy of the booklet *For the Strength of Youth*."

The first directive received high attention, and many youths began their

Mission papers sent off? Great! Now what? There are plenty of things you can do to prepare spiritually, physically, emotionally, and financially while waiting for that all-important call packet. Check in with us for tips, tricks, and useful resources for preparing missionaries and their families.

By Allison Beckert
The Arizona Beehive



social media fasts immediately. All the items on the list, however, can be just as powerful. Sacrificing time to the Lord in small amounts to start is excellent support for preparing missionaries who will soon sacrifice all their time—a massive commitment that can be made easier with practice. The type of assessment President Nelson proposes should be performed regularly and is one part of the formal interview process.

President Nelson addressed this devotional to all youth 12-18 years old. These are prospective missionaries, and the prophet made clear

the gathering of Israel and the role of the youth in it is both immediate and essential. Whether your youth plan to serve a mission or not, begin following these directives immediately, and use them and prayerful inspiration to help set further goals for personal and spiritual development.



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In his address on June 3, 2018, President Russell M. Nelson issued a call for all youth of the church to build their testimonies by meeting his challenges and enlisting in the Lord's youth battalion.

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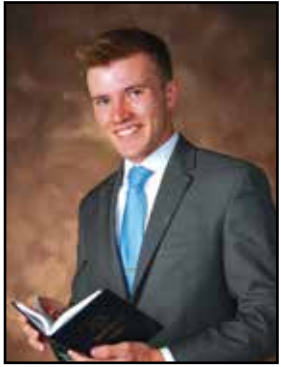
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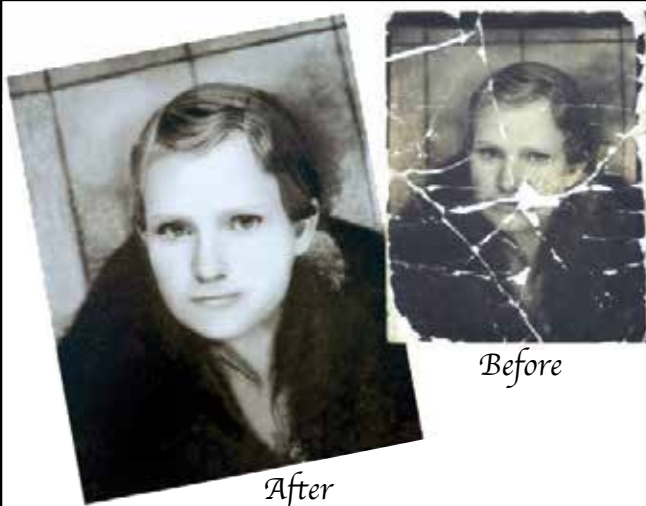


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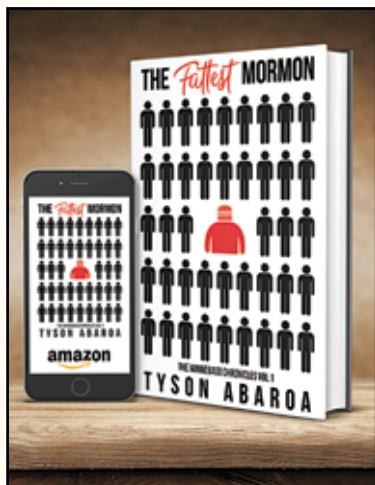
ARIZONA AUTHOR WINS PRESTIGIOUS WHITNEY AWARD FOR FIRST BOOK

By Cindy R. Williams
The Arizona Beehive



Beehive BOOK REVIEW

Local author Tyson Abaroa received inspiration for his book *The Fattest Mormon* from a real-life situation: he entered a weight loss contest for both men and women at his work. He was the only man who joined, but he won the contest and received a \$91 cash



The Fattest Mormon book cover.

pot. Abaroa claims that he found the situation full of humor, and it rolled around in his head until he came up with a story.

Abaroa is a member of the American Night Writers Association, ANWA—a national group of LDS

writers. He submitted his story to a few traditional publishers without any luck, so he decided to publish it himself. The novel grew legs of its own and soon was nominated for a prestigious Whitney Book Award for LDS authors in the General Fiction Category. Tyson states he was genuinely surprised to win. He and his wife attended

the awards ceremony hosted in Utah in April of 2018.

The Fattest Mormon is a story about a man who lives in his Winnebago and drives cross-country looking for contests to enter for prize money. He plans to earn enough money to go to

Japan to sturdy and compete in his first love, Jiu-Jitsu. A weight-loss competition with an \$8,000 prize is being held in Snowflake, Arizona. As he drives cross country to enter the contest, he eats anything and everything to pack on the extra weight.

Naturally, amusement ensues.

Abaroa's slapstick humor is used often throughout the book: "[I] tried to slide across her hood. For some reason it wasn't as slippery as I thought. My butt stopped sliding but my upper body kept moving forward. I sprawled out on her

hood for a second, then rolled off onto the gravel of the shoulder."

As of future plans, Abaroa says, "I plan to take my writing to the next level of mediocrity. Just kidding. I have always wanted to write something, anything about the Superstition Mountains."

Abaroa says, "Treat yourself to some award-winning funny! Buy my book, *The Fattest Mormon*. It's available on Amazon."



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Arizona Author Tyson Abaroa holding his Whitney Award.

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Two LDS All-Arizona Academic Team Students Rewarded For Academic Effort And Community Outreach

By Emily Jex Boyle
The Arizona Beehive

Recently, two Mesa Community College Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society students, Jacob Riddle and Johnathan Speakman, filled out scholarship applications. As a result, Riddle and Speakman were awarded spots on the All-Arizona Academic team and the prestigious All-USA Academic Team. These weren't just any scholarships. By demonstrating academic excellence and community outreach, both received substantial scholarship combinations to assist them in achieving their collegiate goals.

As All-Arizona Academic Team designees, both students received a \$1,000 scholarship as well as a tuition waiver to any Arizona state university of their choice. With their designation as top students in the nation, All-USA, they were awarded an additional \$5,000 in scholarships.

Speakman also received \$2,500 New Century Transfer Pathway Scholarship from the Coca-Cola Foundation, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, PTK and the AACC, and was named a 2018 Guistwhite Scholar, receiving an additional \$5,000 for baccalaureate studies.

Riddle collaborated with ItsUpToUs.org and NetImpact.org, gathering 1,800 signatures and raising fiscal awareness among students. As a recently married college student, these scholarships take a large burden off his shoulders.

“It has opened up so many doors,” he says, “and while others are paying to go to school, I’m getting paid to go.” Riddle will transfer to Arizona State University en route to medical school.

Duane Oakes, Mesa Community College faculty director for the Center of Community and Civic Engagement, encouraged Speakman to get involved. As a result, Speakman says, “I just jumped in.” He served as a Community Allocation Program Panel Member for Mesa United Way, promoting a “college completion” culture on campus. He also developed free citizenship classes to help individuals prepare for The Naturalization Test.

Speakman plans to attend Arizona State University, ultimately helping others build businesses to achieve their dreams. As a young father, Speakman believes balance is achieved by setting priorities around his goals and by living



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Jacob Riddle (Ahwatukee Groves, Tempe Arizona West Stake) didn't plan to attend a community college but has found amazing ways to get paid for going to school.

by them.

Mesa Community College is nationally recognized for its career and technical programs, service-learning, innovative approaches to higher education and civic engagement. Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) helps students reach goals through tuition waivers



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Johnathan Speakman (Porter Park Ward, Mesa North Stake) considered himself a “parking lot” college student until a mentor helped him see the benefits of getting involved on campus.

and scholarships. PTK's President Dr. Tincher-Ladner explains, “[These programs] not only recognize student achievement, but also create meaningful pathways for college students to succeed by putting completion within financial reach.”

Both students were inspired by a sign that hangs on campus in Duane Oakes' office: *Never let your school work get in the way of your college education.*

Applications for the All-Arizona Academic team will be open in August. Learn more about these and other scholarships by contacting Duane Oakes at duane.oakes@mesacc.edu.



F H E Corner

FUN WITH FRUITS & VEGGIES

The fifth commandment, found in Exodus 20:12, states, “Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land”—but how many of us would have been in trouble as kids if that honoring extended to parental advice about eating our veggies?

Parents typically teach their children how to be safe and healthy, including the importance of eating right. What food savvy parents know is that fruit and vegetable colors are determined by which plant nutrients (called phytonutrients) they contain, and it’s those phytonutrients that fight against many life-altering and life-threatening diseases. So maybe your mother’s rainbow of veggies on your childhood dinner plate makes a little more sense now!

Here are Family Home Evening activities that encourage more interest in these life-extending foods our Heavenly Father has created for us.

Food Trivia Game:

Label one basket “fruit” and another “vegetables.” Have family members take turns placing pictures (or the real things!) of various fruits and veggies into the correct baskets. Since people often mistake some fruits for vegetables, play the game before and after reading the following quote from Mr. Victor Jimenez of the University of Arizona’s Agricultural Center in Maricopa. He offers an easy way to tell the difference:

“Vegetables are roots, stems, leaves and flowers of plants. Fruits are the fleshy parts that contain seeds.”

Broccoli and asparagus are examples of vegetables with both stems and flowers. Zucchini and bell peppers? Think about what they must be! (Though corn is often thought of as a vegetable... sorry, it’s a grain.)



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Vruity Avenger: plum, cucumber, watermelon, carrot, green and red bell pepper, lettuce, pineapple, blueberries and cereal.

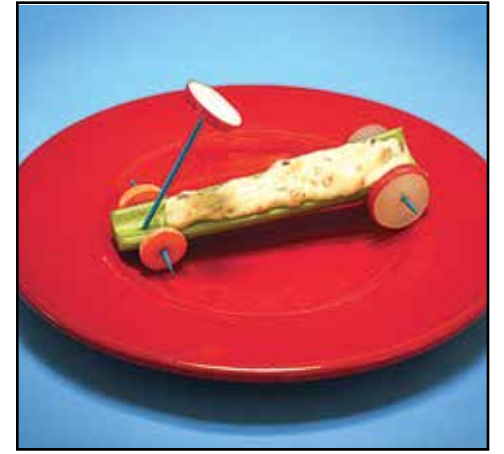


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Veggie Vehicle: celery, radish, carrot and veggie dip.

YUMMY!

Create Edible Structures:

Create structures such as “Veggie Vehicles,” “Fruity Figures” or “Tasty Towers.” Combine fruits and vegetables for “Vruity Avengers” or “Munchable Monsters.”

Prepare pieces to be used for building, *perhaps in unusual ways:*

- Use small cookie cutters to form cucumber slices into fun shapes or cut out their seeds with a melon baller.
- Slice rectangular cubes of apples for building blocks.
- After peeling off the top layer of a carrot, continue to peel it and keep those peels.
- Offer a lettuce leaf for a tiny cape.

As a family, **combine pieces** to form structures, using **toothpicks** as needed. Help and supervise young children.

Add one of the following **dip/spread** choices below to an edible dip-

ping bowl, such as a section of celery or apple. These can also be used to help items stick together:

- Veggie or fruit dip
- Salad dressing
- Hummus
- Salsa
- Peanut butter
- Cream cheese
- Yogurt
- Chocolate/hazelnut spread
- Honey or agave

Optional extras:

- Morsels of cheese
- Cereal
- Marshmallows, chocolate chips or other small sweets (to eat after tasting healthy items)

With frequent tasting opportunities, children often grow to like things they initially did not.



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JUST KEEP SERVING

LDS Youth Spread Throughout the Valley to Serve

By Robin Finlinson
The Arizona Beehive

Youth of the Chandler East Stake learned that while serving people in the community who feel isolated, the simple act of being good company can be invaluable . . . and so can playtime!

Nineteen refugee young men, mostly aged 15 to 17, from Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), make up the African United FC soccer team.

Their coach and sponsor, Dio Degratias of the DRC, said his players have been in the United States for one or two years and are excelling in high school, but the language barrier causes isolation. Learning English and becoming integrated into their new home takes time and many good experiences with native speakers. They wanted to meet more Americans their age.

The African United FC team and 29 LDS young men and young women recently met on a soccer pitch (field) in Phoenix, Arizona. Stake JustServe Specialist Jane Andersen described the first few minutes of their interaction: “We thought it was only natural for the refugee youth to share a bit about themselves. But after they did, they whispered to their coach that they really wanted to hear the names of each of our youth. They had huge smiles as

they listened to them. It was a simple but powerful moment.”

The LDS teens were not adept at the sport, but the team taught them ball-handling maneuvers. Afterwards, they mixed together and played soccer games for two hours.

Fifteen-year-old Trent Kelleher said, “Before we left, we were all hugging each other.” He was struck by how much joy he and the other volunteers felt.

Comments from the athletes included, “Come back again and be with us,” “We love you guys,” and “God bless you all.”

The experience was one of eight service opportunities during youth conference. Two hundred seventy-five teens had met briefly at their stake center and were encouraged to “fear not to do good.” Then they divided and dispersed into four different cities.

They found that people who have lived their whole lives in America can feel isolated. One group visited a medical rehabilitation center for seniors.

“You can tell they don’t get a lot of visitors because of how excited they were every time a kid would come to their door,” reported 16-year-old Spencer Keller. The teens of his group were inspired by the life stories they discovered and shared their own with



Photo by Robin Finlinson

Youth from the Chandler East Stake play soccer with a team of refugees from five Central African countries. LDS youth from left to right: Trevin Dawe, unidentified girl, Reilly Harris, Lily Ackerman and Lexi Frias.



Photo by Robin Finlinson

LDS youth from left to right: Brock Wamsley, Jacob Brown and Lexi Frias.

eager listeners.

The teens participated in yet another service activity with a different population. Off the beaten path, where city street sweepers don’t go, were rather isolated families. After their street was hand-swept, brooms were set down and an impromptu basketball game picked up between some residents and volunteers.

The service opportunities were

found through JustServe.org, which Chandler East Stake President Jared Welch calls a service “portal.” He said, “One of our hopes with youth conference is that the youth will be inspired to get on JustServe now that they’ve had their eyes opened to it.”

Whether members of the Church or not, youth can help fill the deep human need of social connection through the heaven-sent portal of JustServe.org.



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COOKING WITH the BEEHIVE

By Merry Gordon
The Arizona Beehive

Strawberry Basil Jam: *Sweet, Savory, Summery!*

There was a time when my entire recipe repertoire consisted of ramen, hot dogs, and peanut butter and jelly. Now I've got a couple of fussy foodies and a teen just a few years shy of beginning her own ramen/hot dog/peanut butter and jelly regimen. How to level up my soon-to-be independent daughter's cooking skills while keeping her siblings' simple

tastes satisfied? Easy: strawberry basil freezer jam. It's a lot sweet, a little savory, and summer in a jar for our family.

This jam, a take on the classic Kraft SURE-JELL recipe, is like a great pair of jeans. You can dress it up with wafers and fancy white cheese, or you can dress it down in a good ol' fashioned PB & J. It's perfect for all palates!



Photo by Merry Gordon

It doesn't take a sophisticated palate to appreciate the summery blend of strawberry and basil.

Strawberry Basil Freezer Jam

Ingredients & Supplies

- 1 pound of organic strawberries (enough for about 2 cups mashed)
- 4 cups granulated sugar
- 1 package (1.75 ounces) fruit pectin such as SURE-JELL
- A handful of fresh basil (enough for ¼ cup, finely chopped)
- About 6-8 small Ball jars or other freezer jam containers

Directions

1. Thoroughly wash and dry your jars, as well as your strawberries and basil.
2. Finely chop the basil and set it aside.
3. Hull your strawberries. We just use a straw, but if you've got a fancy strawberry tool, go for it!
4. Mash the strawberries and measure 2 cups into a large bowl.
5. Mix 4 cups of granulated sugar into the mashed strawberries. Mix enough to moisten all the sugar and combine ingredients. Let stand for about 10-15 minutes, and then mix again.
6. Add fruit pectin to ¾ cup of water and bring to a boil on high heat in a small saucepan. Stir continuously. Once pectin and water combination are boiling, allow to boil for 1 minute, then remove from heat. Keep stirring!
7. Now, stir your pectin mix into your sugared strawberries. Stir for anywhere from 3-5 minutes to make sure that your sugar is dissolved, and pectin mix is thoroughly blended.
8. Allow the jam to cool for a few minutes, and then add in your chopped basil. Mix gently.
9. Pour jam into freezer containers but allow them to sit at room temperature for 6-8 hours before refrigerating or freezing.



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Easy, fresh ingredients make strawberry basil freezer jam a hit.

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Asking Questions About Family History Leads To Better Functioning Families

Over a decade ago, scientists at Emory University's Center for Myth and Ritual in American Life studied the effect of family conversations and stories on children. By creating a list of "yes" or "no" questions, they determined how much the children in the study knew about their family history. They also conducted psychological testing, the results of which overwhelmingly showed that scoring higher on the "Do You Know?" questions was associated with higher levels of self-esteem, lower levels of anxiety, fewer behavioral problems and better functioning families.

The actual questions do not matter as long as they are about things that must be learned through someone else and not experienced directly. Marshall Duke and Robyn Fivush,

the leaders of the study, say, "Each family will have different stories and different key moments and memories that are shared. It is not the content of what is known that is the critical factor, but the process by which these things came to be known. In order to hear family stories, people need to sit down with one another. The stories need to be told over and over and the times of sitting together need to be multiple and occur over many years. The most convenient times traditionally have been family dinners, family trips in the car, vacations, birthday gatherings, etc."

The researchers determined that the family narrative influences "the way a child looks at himself in the context of their larger family."

Inspired leaders have long taught the blessings of family time and family history. In his April 2018 General

Conference talk "Family History and Temple Work: Sealing and Healing," Elder Dale G. Renlund spoke of family history. Along with

increased testimony of the Savior and divine protection from the adversary, he described these promised blessings for families:

- More closeness and joy and a heart turned toward your family
- Increased love and gratitude for your ancestors
- Healing

And for individuals, he mentioned specific gifts:

- Personal power
- Inspired help
- Joy, and to be blessed in every aspect of your life

Certainly, all these blessings contribute to the well-being and function of families and lead to children having a healthy sense of self.

For a list of "Do You Know?" family history questions for families, visit this article on ArizonaBeehive.com.

Read more: https://www.huffingtonpost.com/marshall-p-duke/the-stories-that-bind-us-_b_2918975.html

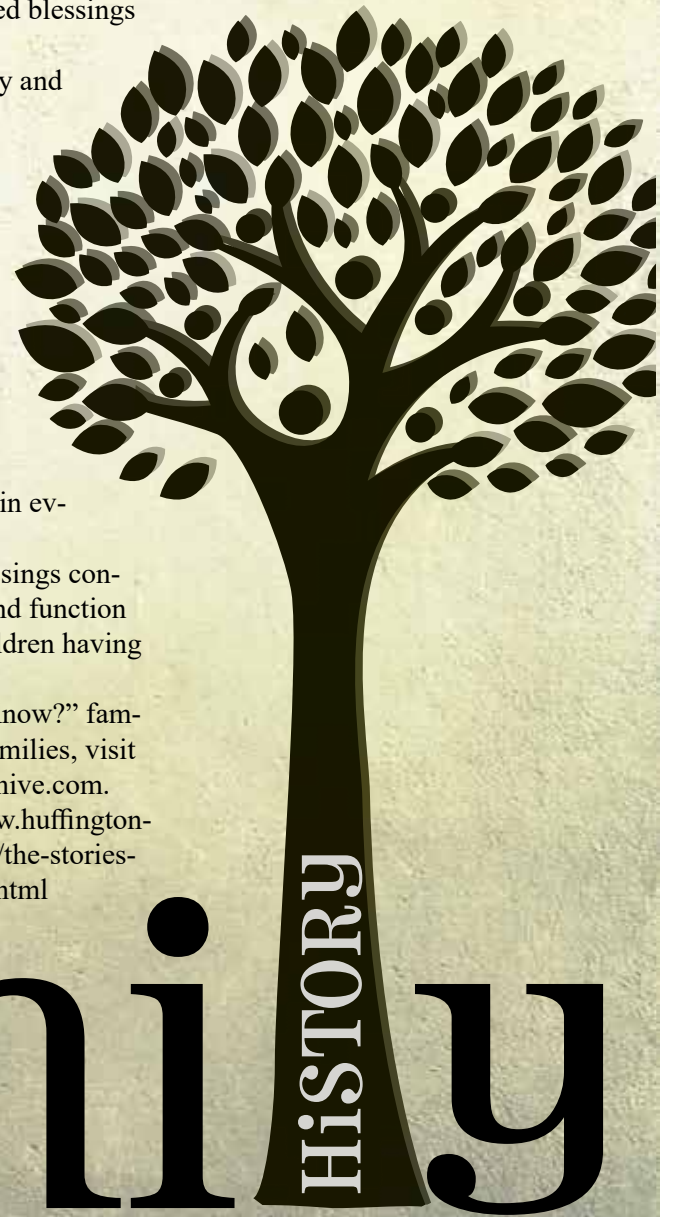
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"I am a Singer!"

BYU's All-Male Acapella Group Shares Their Thoughts About Their Unique College Experience

By Emily Jex Boyle
The Arizona Beehive

It's not surprising to go to a school choir performance and see more girls than boys represented on stage. Vocal Point, a BYU all-male acapella group, entertains audiences over and over again. One common theme among the members is getting involved in music to impress the ladies!

Member James Thorup adds, "A lot of people think of music as just one thing, whereas singing has so many different styles. It's like saying, 'sports is sports' as opposed to football or basketball. You're not a sportsman, you're a baseball player. I think a lot of people look at certain styles and say, 'Oh, that



Photo by Emily Boyle

Vocal Point members visit with BYU Summit attendees earlier this year. Many members agree that this opportunity is much like an internship.



Photo by The Arizona Beehive

BYU Vocal Point On Stage.

is what singing is and only girls do that so I can't do that,' when in reality there are a lot of styles specifically for men that can be really impressive, really attractive, and can bring a smile to people's faces."

Attending a Vocal Point concert or watching them on YouTube is a rich experience. One might think the group members have years of experience in music. Not necessarily.

Growing up, vocalist Logan Shelton was shy about singing. "I'd only sing in my room," he explains. "I just thought singing is for girls." When Shelton was 14, a teacher encouraged him to try out for an advanced choir. It took him a while to recognize it, but he finally realized that he is a singer.

David Steele explains that Vocal Point is much like an internship. "When I joined Vocal Point," he says, "I realized that I had kind of been thinking about some things wrong. I always thought you had to make singing your career if you were going to sing in a professional group. What I realized is

you can do your passions on top of the things you do in your daily life. Vocal Point is so fun because it provides opportunities that nothing in my life has been able to in that way. It's kind of like a business on top of being able to sing. We run all our social media. We're a self-funded group so we have to make enough money to keep it up. That's something."

Vocal Point members are committed to the ideas of being a force bigger than themselves, and that they are stronger together than apart. Their current group is made possible by those who have gone before, standing on the shoulders of the success of the group's founders and those who were part of Vocal Point over the past 26 years. They have all been impacted by music in their lives and are passionate about sharing the joy of music with audiences. Vocal Point is a positive force that blesses the lives of others.

To enjoy more of BYU Vocal Point, find them on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter (@byuvocalpoint)

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Rendition of the Mesa Temple grounds after renovation.



Mesa Temple Renovation Under Way

Visitors Center Demolished

By Cecily Markland Condie
The Arizona Beehive

The two-year renovation of the Mesa Arizona Temple and the surrounding area is under way, beginning with a major demolition effort that includes the removal of the Visitors' Center, before the construction begins.

Geoff Lewis, project engineer with Porter Brothers, Inc., the Gilbert-based general contractors overseeing the work on the temple, said most projects they work on don't require such an extensive, more than six-week long takedown and removal at the outset.

"But you don't often do a 100-year-old temple renovation," Lewis said.

He said Porter Brothers, Inc., and Breinholt Contracting Co. Inc, who were hired to do the demolition of the Visitors' Center, have worked closely with Church personnel, including coordinating with Reuel Reeder, the site project manager.

According to Roc Arnett, Metro Phoenix Public Affairs Director, the renovations to the 91-year-old temple will include site improvements, exterior maintenance, restoration of interior finishes and upgrades for the heating, air conditioning and electrical systems.

"The new designs will be more in keeping with the original design elements," Arnett said.

The cleaning and protection of murals throughout the temple and the complementary addition of some new murals is indicative of the care being taken to ensure improvements in the temple will improve the consistency of design and historic features.

The razing of the Visitors' Center and the removal of the water feature north of the temple, followed by the addition of a new, much longer reflection pool and landscaping, will open and enhance the view of the temple from Main Street, Arnett said.

He added that changes will also include a new brides' room, which will be located where the laundry was in the temple, with a brides' entrance to a beautifully landscaped patio and garden to the east.

The project will also include a new Family Discovery Center on the corner of Main Street and LeSueur that will house interactive exhibits as well as family research facilities.

In conjunction with the temple

renovation, City Creek Reserve is also revitalizing four and a half acres along Mesa Drive and LeSueur with apartments, parking, townhomes and a landscaped open area.

Vickie and Jim Hatch, members of the Udall Ward, have lived across the street, west of the Visitors' Center, for 20 years.

"We're going to miss the Visitors' Center, but we now have a beautiful

view of the temple," Vickie said. She added that with the growth of the trees and shrubbery, their view of the temple had been obscured. "It's so exciting for us that we can see it now," she said. "It's really going to be something special."

For more details, visit the Metro - Phoenix Mormons & Friends Facebook page, or see construction updates on the Porter Brothers, Inc. Facebook page.

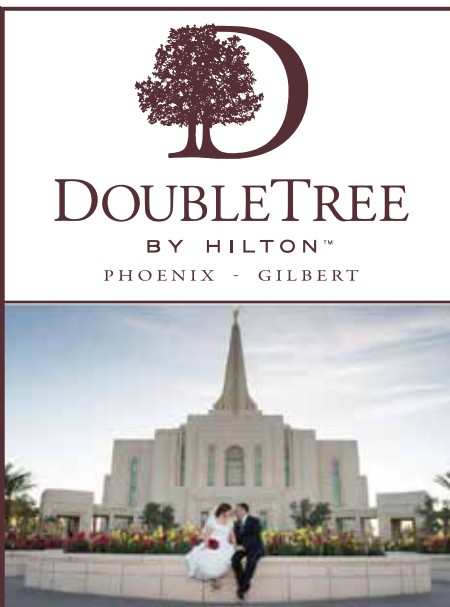


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The Visitors Center being razed to leave an open view of the temple from Main Street.

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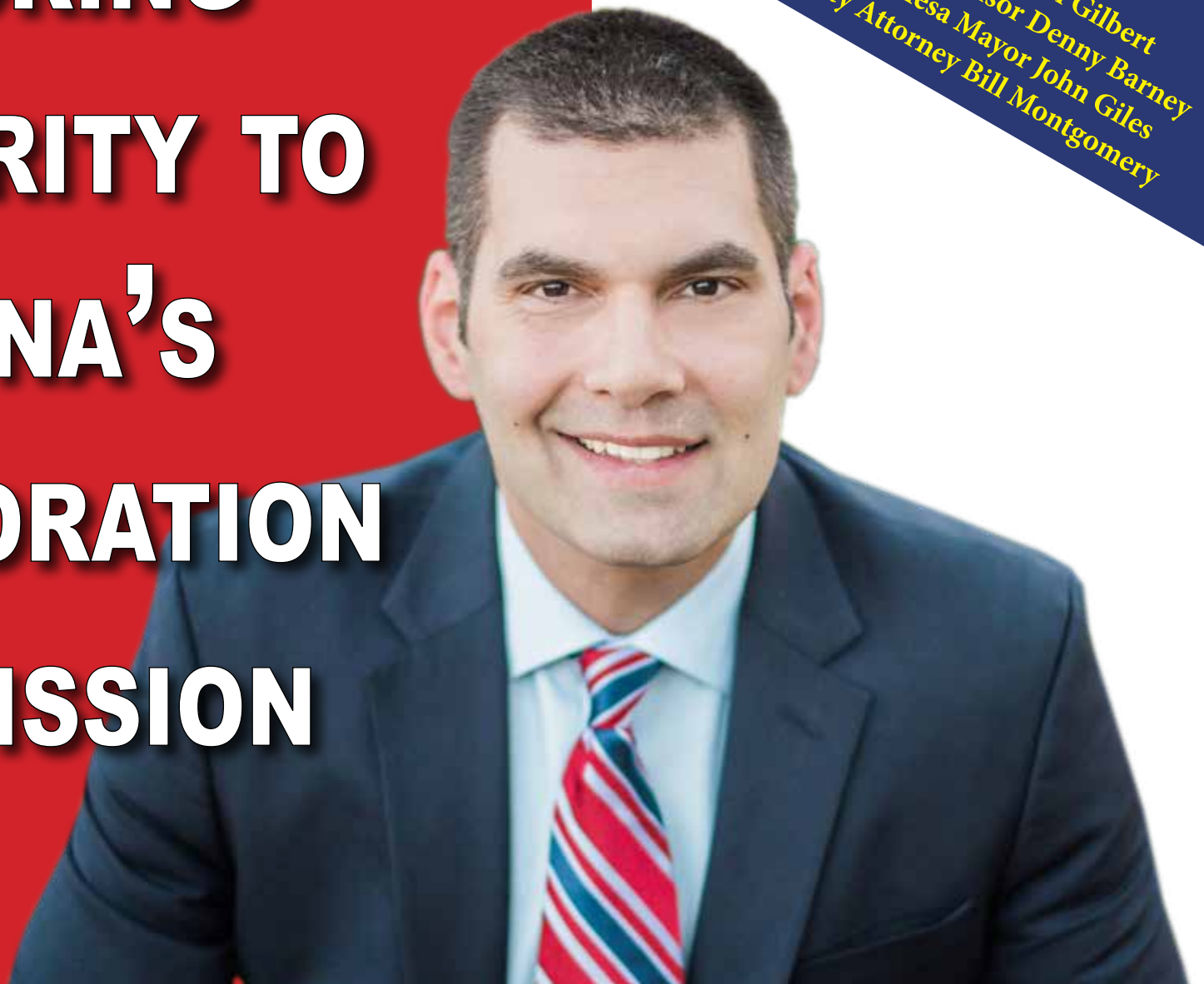
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Giving Back

By Allison Beckert
The Arizona Beehive

Find Help Phoenix Helps Our Community Find Health And Social Services

Each community has unique needs, and these are best known by those that serve them. However, connecting members to the right providers is a never-ending struggle. Those in greatest need of support often have several factors making their search for help harder, like tight budgets, limited transportation, and language barriers. FindHelpPhoenix.org, and its Spanish equivalent EncuentraAyudaPhx.org, is a resource in place for Maricopa County in place for community members to find low cost, local, accessible help for essential resources during challenging times.

Created in 2012 by social worker Adrienne Decker Delgado with the help of her husband Jesse, a computer programmer, FindHelpPhoenix.org began in response to a clear and urgent need for a more effective resource guide. Those who came to Adrienne and Maricopa County Public Health for assistance struggled to navigate existing referral systems. These systems caused confusion, were difficult to navigate, and often

had outdated or inaccurate listings. Adrienne populated the site with 1000 free and low-cost resources she had available and pushed for the site to become a community-supported resource, opening communication for users to suggest new listings, update existing entries, and recommend fixes.

"Today, the site contains more than 1,500 resources in 18 categories," says Jeanene Fowler, Program Operations Administrator with Maricopa County Public Health. "The most searched categories in 2017 were Housing/Utilities, Healthcare, Food/Clothing and Mental Health/Addiction services. This tells us the majority of our visitors are looking for basic needs type services."

A quick search of the resources available make clear its value to families in need. Currently funded by First Things First, Arizona's state-funded organization for the promotion of early education and health programs for Arizona's children under 5, FindHelpPhoenix.org is positioned to do immense good in connecting young families with necessary support.

Maricopa County in Arizona is, ac-

cording to the most recent US census data, one of the fastest growing counties in the country. FindHelpPhoenix.org is growing with the county and can more effectively reach those who need services with the help of the community. Families and individuals who can benefit from the services on the directory first need to know it's there, free to use and easy to reach.

"The directory is amazing," says Susan Levy, Communications and Community Relations Coordinator of Native Health Phoenix. "I share this resource with everyone we meet. There isn't anything like it and it is superior to any product out there. Everyone is appreciative for the current and easy to understand [and use] information."

Visit FindHelpPhx.org or EncuentraAyudaPhx.org to explore the site and the resources available, and contact Adrienne for a presentation of the site and its mission. Email findhelpphx@mail.maricopa.gov with any non-profit resources that haven't been included in the site, as well as changes to information.



Finding help in Phoenix.



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Community support from FindHelpPhx.org.

VALLEY TEMPLE SCHEDULES

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ASL Session: 3rd Saturday of the month, 11:30am

2018 Temple Closures

Monday, October 1, 2018 - Monday, October 15, 2018
Wednesday, November 21, 2018 (Limited Hours)
Thursday, November 22, 2018
Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Wednesday, December 26, 2018

2019 Temple Closures

Tuesday, January 1, 2019
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Saturday, April 6, 2019
Thursday, July 4, 2019

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Saturday a.m.: 6:00am, 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,
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Saturday, October 6, 2018
Thursday, November 22, 2018
Monday, December 3, 2018 - Monday, December 17, 2018
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